Export of Ethambutol

1590. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the producers who exported Ethambutol from out of the country;

(b) what was the quantity exported yearwise during the last three years by each party, country to which it was exported and at what price it was exported;

(c) what were the benefits given on each kilogram of Ethambutol and on what basis; and

(d) what was the foreign exchange content in such exports and what steps have been taken to recover the loss of foreign exchange which the country has suffered in such exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (d) M/s. Lupin Laboratories (P) Ltd., Bombay, M/s. Medchi Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Secunderabad, M/s. Lyka Laboratories Ltd., Bombay, M/s. Themis Chemicals Ltd., Bombay, are the major manufacturer-exporters of Ethambutol Hydrochloride. The major countries to which Ethambutol Hydrochloride is exported are West Germany, Hongkong, Mexico, The Netherlands, Italy, UK, Denmark and Bangladesh. The exporters do not give quantity-wise exports while submitting export returns to the Export Promotion Council. The total exports during the last three years and the average unit-value realisation are given below:

Year	Value of exports (Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86 . . .	340.0
1986-87 . . .	450.1
1987-88 . . .	753.8
1988-89 (April to Dec.)	483.7

Average unit value-realisation from export of Ethambutol HCL has been US $ 24-27 per kilogram.

(Source: Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Bombay.)

The incentives given on exports of Ethambutol HCL are not determined on the basis of quantity but on the basis of FOB value on exports. Cash compensatory support at the rate of 15% and Replenishment Licence at the rate of 15% of FOB value are admissible on export of Ethambutol HCL.

As import of certain intermediates for manufacture of Ethambutol HCL is permissible under Open General Licence (OGL) and it is not obligatory that exporters should operate under Advance Licensing Scheme with its minimum value-addition stipulation, the foreign exchange content of individual exporter is not separately maintained However, no case of loss of foreign exchange on export of Ethambutol HCL has come to the notice of the Government.

Payment of duty drawback

1591. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the consumption norm of various raw materials for Ethambutol and Pyrazinamide taken into consideration for each party during the last three years, yearwise for paying duty drawback;

(b) what was the drawback on each Kg. of export of these drugs given to each producer during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that drawback differed from producer to producer; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for the same?